

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

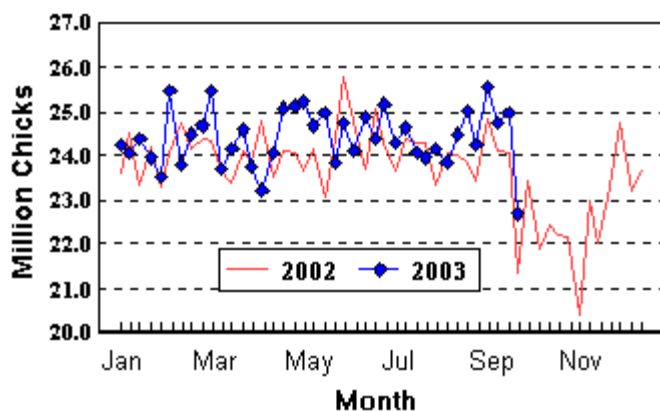
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.7 million during the week ending October 4, 2003. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but down 9 percent from the previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 4, 2003 were 976.7 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.2 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

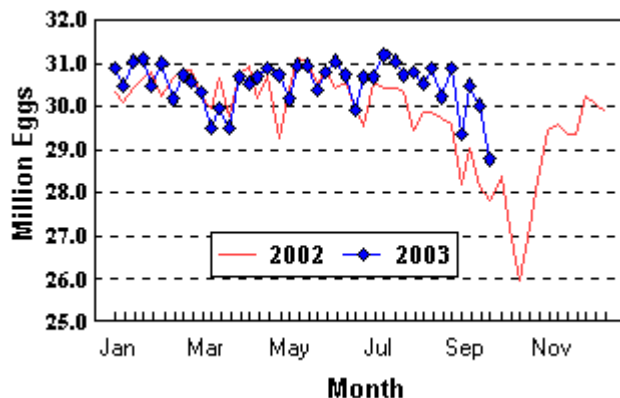
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 4, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, but down 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 30	23,880	25,015	105	24,211	25,387	105	29,734	30,223	102
Sep. 6	23,428	24,254	104	24,472	25,164	103	29,592	30,875	104
Sep. 13	24,831	25,581	103	24,573	25,531	104	28,201	29,368	104
Sep. 20	24,113	24,721	103	24,474	24,763	101	29,050	30,458	105
Sep. 27	24,044	24,992	104	24,459	25,337	104	28,177	30,013	107
Oct. 4	21,347	22,702	106	23,261	24,220	104	27,810	28,806	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct		30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	
Alabama	27,575 *	27,565	27,391	28,070	101	21,871	22,012	21,482	21,970	21,676	20,614	104
ARKANSAS	29,368	30,458	30,013	28,806	104	25,015	24,254	25,581	24,721	24,992	22,702	106
Delaware	3,561	3,327	3,479	3,670	108	5,302	5,213	5,784	4,644	4,831	4,439	84
Florida	1,329	1,345	1,369	1,369	59	1,800 *	1,831	1,894 *	1,586 *	1,651 *	1,738	75
Georgia	30,924 *	30,901	30,697	30,686	104	26,162	25,074	25,959 *	25,369 *	24,677 *	23,936	102
Kentucky	5,592 *	5,888	6,494 *	6,031	97	5,810	5,862	5,885 *	5,475	5,273 *	4,883	91
Maryland	8,371	8,118	8,411	7,842	88	5,718	5,287	5,293	6,614	5,378	5,563	113
Mississippi	18,024	17,534	17,357	17,139	100	16,247	16,396	16,168	15,577	15,904	15,221	104
N. Carolina	16,184 *	15,632	17,488	15,901	91	13,924	14,098	13,977	13,226	13,000	13,156	98
Oklahoma	6,553	6,356	5,651	6,056	117	4,297	4,346	4,406	4,273	4,574	5,390	99
Pennsylvania	3,557 *	3,343 *	3,491	3,589	97	2,749 *	2,744 *	2,702 *	2,706 *	2,691 *	2,614	100
S. Carolina	4,539	4,482	4,413	4,598	94	4,009	4,310 *	4,204 *	4,607 *	3,827 *	4,265	123
Texas	13,997 *	13,016 *	14,357 *	14,279	99	11,959	11,893 *	12,080 *	12,165 *	12,193 *	11,670	99
Virginia	6,108	6,072	6,391	5,713	99	5,071	5,927	5,450	4,979	5,231	4,696	95
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	19,579 *	19,341	19,450 *	19,122	102	18,727	18,343 *	18,160 *	17,266 *	17,232 *	18,243	107
Total 2003	195,261 *	193,378 *	196,452 *	192,871		168,661 *	167,590 *	169,025 *	165,178 *	163,130 *	159,130	
Total 2002	191,797	189,744	191,851	193,083		166,470	167,094	166,340	165,465	165,235	155,770	
%Prev. Year	102	102	102	100		101	100	102	100	99	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003						18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 193 million eggs during the week ending October 4, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 4, 2003 were 6.71 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.